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SUBJECT: OKINAWA VOA RELAY STATION

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF PELLY AMENDMENT PROBLEM WITH DCM YAMAZAKI MAY 13 (SEPTTEL), DEPASSTSEC SNEIDER RAISED ISSUE OF CURRENT VOA CONSULTATIONS, SPECIFICALLY QUESTION OF APPARENT UNILATERAL GOJ REINTERPRETATION OF REVERSION AGREEMENT AGREED MINUTE WITH RESPECT TO VOA OPERATIONS BEYOND 1977.

2. SNEIDER BRIEFLY REVIEWED 1971 NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MORI AND YOSHINO AND EMPHASIZED THAT "UNFORE-SEEN CIRCUMSTANCES" REFERRED TO IN AGREED MINUTE HAD BEEN CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES AT THAT TIME TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION DELAYS NOT RESTRICTED TO NATURAL CALAMITIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR UNINTERRUPTED OPERATIONS ON OKINAWA UNTIL SUBSTITUTE FACILITY COMPLETED. US RECORD CLEARLY BEARS THIS OUT. ANY GOJ ATTEMPT TO UNILATERALLY RESTRICT DEFINITION TO "NATURAL CALAMITY" WOULD MAKE COMPLETION OF CURRENT FORMAL CONSULTATIONS DIFFICULT. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONCERN OVER NEED TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

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